

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-22 without prejudice or disclaimer.

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1-22. (Canceled)

23. (New) A hauler vehicle for mining operation comprising:

a vehicle frame coupleable with a source of motive power; and

a conveyor centrally disposed and coupled with the vehicle frame, wherein the vehicle frame and conveyor define a receiving end and a discharge end, and wherein the discharge end has a substantially fixed height.

24. (New) A hauler vehicle according to claim 23, further comprising a full load indicator mechanism at least partially positioned adjacent the discharge end, the full load indicator mechanism providing an indication when the conveyor is substantially full.

25. (New) A hauler vehicle according to claim 23, wherein the source of motive power comprises a motor connected to a vehicle-mounted battery.

26. (New) A hauler vehicle according to claim 23, wherein the discharge end comprises a discharge boom integrated into the vehicle frame defining a one-piece frame construction.

27. (New) A method of constructing a hauler vehicle for mining operation, the method comprising:

providing a vehicle frame and coupling the vehicle frame with a source of motive power; and

providing a conveyor centrally disposed and coupled with the vehicle frame, wherein the vehicle frame and conveyor define a receiving end and a discharge end, and configuring the discharge end with a substantially fixed height.

28. (New) A method according to claim 27, further comprising positioning a full load indicator mechanism adjacent the discharge end, the full load indicator mechanism providing an indication when the conveyor is substantially full.

29. (New) A method according to claim 27, comprising integrating a discharge boom into the vehicle frame, defining a one-piece frame construction.